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David Sluyter recently retired from and continues to serve as a consultant to the Fetzer Institute, a nonprofit operating foundation with the mission of “fostering an awareness of the power of love and forgiveness.” This mission reflects the conviction that efforts to address the world’s crucial issues must go beyond political, economic and social strategies to their psychological and spiritual roots.

Prior to his retirement, David worked in a number of capacities at the Fetzer Institute, including program officer, vice president, president and CEO and senior advisor. Two themes that ran through his work are the role of social and emotional learning in K-12 education and the role of relationships in health care and in organizational life.

Prior to coming to the Fetzer Institute, David worked in the area of mental health, developing programs for individuals with mental illness and mental retardation. His most recent posting was at Western Michigan University where he founded an interdisciplinary program for people with severe mental retardation which served as a training and research site for students and other faculty.

David received his doctorate in counseling psychology from Western Michigan University. His publications include journal articles, book chapters and he co-edited two books: *Emotional Development and Emotional Intelligence: Educational Implications*, and *Leading Change in Health Care: transforming organizations using complexity, positive psychology, and relationship-centered care (just published)*.